

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 1

YES on Prop. 1 means relief from the crushing housing crisis that is devastating Californians and taking its harshest toll on veterans, hardworking families, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Prop. 1 is the ONLY proposition that directly addresses the shortage of housing by building more affordable homes – WITHOUT RAISING TAXES.

YES on 1 means housing for veterans, and delivering help to those who are struggling most by:

- Investing \$1 billion to help veterans afford homes
- Building new, emergency housing for homeless children and families
- Building multi-family housing for working families and creating homeownership opportunities
- Creating new supportive housing for people with disabilities and domestic violence victims

“Together, we can create affordable housing to help those in need, including former foster youth and low-income senior citizens.” Sen. Jim Beall, Prop. 1 Author, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee Chairman.

### HONORING VETERANS WITH HOUSING

YES on Prop. 1 means dedicating \$1 billion SOLELY to veterans' housing by providing new housing and homeownership opportunities for veterans under the CalVet Home Loan Program that has helped 423,000 veterans and their families. Prop. 1 honors veterans by helping them have a home after they return from service.

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California has the largest population of homeless veterans in the nation, and homelessness is expected to increase over the next decade among veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Veterans suffering from medical and mental health conditions sustained from their service are at high risk for long-term homelessness.

"A safe, stable, affordable home is how we can provide a lifetime of support for veterans of all generations and their families. Affordable housing for veterans opens up opportunities to participate in the American Dream their sacrifices have made possible." Gerald G. Wilson  
Past State Commander, Disabled American Veterans, Department of California.

### HARDWORKING FAMILIES LIVE WHERE THEY WORK

Prop. 1 will build affordable homes for hardworking people like nursing aides, grocery clerks, and teaching assistants, so they can live in the communities where they work while still having money for groceries and childcare.

### EASING HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

Prop. 1 will address rising homelessness in our neighborhoods. Families pushed to the financial brink are living in cars, doubled and even tripled up in overcrowded housing. Families with no other options turn to overwhelmed shelters.

### SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

"Domestic violence exists in the shadows, often unseen, forcing many victims and their children to live in unsafe conditions. Emergency shelters can't meet the demand and housing crises exacerbate trauma. The ability to live in a stable, affordable home brings safety and

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healing for survivors and their families." Kathy Moore, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence.

### ECONOMIC BOOST

Prop. 1 is expected to create tens of thousands of jobs and boost California's economy.

Business leaders say YES on 1 because California must start building more affordable places for our workforce and keep the state economically competitive.

### BROAD SUPPORT

Veterans, Habitat for Humanity, domestic violence survivors, seniors, business and health care leaders agree: Prop. 1 helps build the affordable housing our communities need.

[www.vetsandaffordablehousingact.org](http://www.vetsandaffordablehousingact.org)

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